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MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Grogan

SUBJECT : Contacts with Members of the Press

STATOTHR 1. On Thursday, 16 October and Wednesday, 5 November, I had lunch with [REDACTED]. The first time we talked primarily about the situation in the Off-shore Islands and Sino-Soviet relations and mutual attitudes toward developments in the Near East and Pacific. The second encounter we spent almost all of the time talking about the American elections but did get on the subject for awhile on what NATO would do about the DeGaulle letter.

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2. On Tuesday, 28 October, I had lunch with [REDACTED] at which the other guest was [REDACTED]. We covered a multitude of topics, including U.S. elections upcoming; the prospect for British elections likely to be held next spring; European attitudes toward the Off-shore Island crisis; and the general stability and prospects of the Soviet regime.

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3. On Monday, 3 November, I lunched with [REDACTED] and at his request read the draft of his article on the development of U.S. policy toward the Off-shore Island. I reported this to you orally a couple of days ago. The article contained fewer cracks at CIA-Western enterprises than appeared would be the case when [REDACTED] conferred with the Director, [REDACTED] and myself 10 days previously. At any rate, the article contains nothing bearing on the Agency's work in recent years and is concentrated primarily on the period 1950-55.

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4. This brings me up to date, I believe, and I will try to jot down such press contacts as I have on my six weeks' trip beginning today to report to you upon my return at Christmas time.

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